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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Joseph A. Zupanick et al.  
Serial No. 10/003,917  
Filing Date: November 1, 2001  
Group Art Unit: 3673  
Examiner: John J. Kreck  
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SURFACE PRODUCTION OF  
GAS FROM A SUBTERRANEAN ZONE

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed January 13, 2003, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments thereto and the comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows: